

Police Associations, AFL-CIO; International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW).

Jewish Council for Public Affairs; Laborers' International Union of North America, (LIUNA); Latino Commission on AIDS; The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Leadership Team, Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia; League of Conservation Voters; League of Rural Voters; League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); League of Women Voters of the United States; Learning Disabilities Association of America; Main Street Alliance; Medicare Rights Center; Mental Health America.

NAACP; National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys; National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE); National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity; National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD); National Assembly on School-Based Health Care; National Association for Adults with Special Learning Needs; National Association for Children's Behavioral Health; National Association for College Admission Counseling; National Association for Hispanic Elderly; National Association for Music Education; National Association for the Education of Young Children; National Association of Area Agencies on Aging (n4a); National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (NACWC).

National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD); National Association of Elementary School Principals; National Association of Federally Impacted Schools; National Association of Government Employees/SEIU; National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO); National Association of Letter Carriers; National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP); National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA); National Association of Private Special Education Centers; National Association of School Psychologists; National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP); National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium; National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE).

National Association of State Head Injury Administrators; National Association of Thrift Savings Plan Participants; National Black Child Development Institute; National Center for Family Literacy; National Center for Law and Economic Justice; National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence; National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development; National Coalition for LGBT Health; National Coalition for Literacy; National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare; National Congress of American Indians; The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care; National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP).

National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare; National Council for the Social Studies; National Council of Jewish Women; National Council of La Raza (NCLR); National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO); National Council on Independent Living; National Disability Rights Network; National Education Association (NEA); National Employment Law Project (NELP); National Fair Housing Alliance; National Family Caregivers Association; National Federation of Federal Employees; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund; National Health Care for the Homeless Council.

National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA); National Housing Trust; National Immigration Law Center; National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health; National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty; National Low Income Housing Coalition; National Organization for Women (NOW); National Partnership for Women & Families; National Pediatric AIDS Network; National People's Action; National Priorities Project; National Respite Coalition; National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition; National Rural Education Association (NREA).

National School Boards Association; National Skills Coalition; National Superintendents Roundtable; National Treasury Employees Union; National Urban League; National WIC Association; National Women's Conference Committee; National Women's Law Center; Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC); NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby; Not Dead Yet; OMB Watch; Paralyzed Veterans of America; People For the American Way (PFAW); Population Action International; Progressive States Action.

Project Inform; Public Citizen; Public Education Network; Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition (REHDC); Rebuild The Dream; RESULTS; Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law; School Social Work Association of America; Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS); Share Our Strength; Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team; Social Security Disability Coalition; Social Security Works; Southeast Asia Resource Action Center; Stand Up for Rural America, Robert S. Warwick, Steering Committee; Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF); Strengthen Social Security Campaign.

Sugar Law Center for Economic and Social Justice; TESOL International Association; Transportation Communications Union; Transportation Equity Network; Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO; Treatment Access Expansion Project; Treatment Action Group (TAG); Trust for America's Health (TFAH); Union for Reform Judaism; United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada; United Cerebral Palsy; United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries; United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE); United for a Fair Economy; The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society.

United Methodist Women; United Mine Workers; United Spinal Association; United States Student Association (USSA); United Steelworkers (USW); USAction; US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA); VillageCare; Voices for America's Children; Voices for Progress; Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW); Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER); The Woodhull Sexual Freedom Alliance; Working America; YouthBuild USA; YWCA USA; ZERO TO THREE.

HONORING JANICE LANGBEHN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2011 PRESIDENTIAL CITIZENS MEDAL

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Janice Langbehn, a recipient of the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal, one of our Nation's highest civilian honors.

Each year, the President recognizes American citizens with the Presidential Citizens Medal who have taken exemplary steps outside of their daily lives to serve and improve their communities. Past honorees have addressed some of our nation's most persistent problems, such as hunger, homelessness, high school dropout rates, lack of access to health care, and several other pressing issues affecting the lives of millions of Americans. Citizen Medal honorees face challenging circumstances and act admirably while taking risks to help others. Out of over 6,000 nominees across the country, President Obama chose only thirteen recipients, including Janice Langbehn of Lacey, Washington.

In 2007, while on vacation with their children, Janice's partner of 18 years, Lisa Marie Pond, collapsed with a brain aneurysm. Lisa was rushed to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Ryder Trauma Center. When Janice and her children arrived, hospital officials refused to let Janice or her children see Lisa for eight long hours even though they had a power of attorney in hand. Lisa eventually slipped into a coma and passed away while her loved ones continued to fight to be by her side.

Afterwards Janice brought a lawsuit against the hospital, which was dismissed in 2009, and then turned her experience into activism, fighting to make sure no partners or parents have to go through what their family experienced. Her story attracted the attention of President Obama, who revised hospital visitation rights for same-sex couples across the country. The executive order went into effect in January 2011 for any hospital receiving Federal Medicare or Medicaid funds.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives please join me in recognizing Janice Langbehn for her efforts to improve equal treatment for all Americans and congratulate her for being honored with the 2011 Presidential Citizens Medal.

HONORING LEAUTHA LANORA
"LEE" ANDERSON

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the life of a beloved woman in the Modesto Community, Leautha Lanora "Lee" Anderson. She was born July 26, 1921, to Mary Alena (Carl) and Lloyd Buster Nutt near El Reno, Oklahoma and died November 15, 2011, in Modesto, CA. She was the second born of seven sisters.

Her parents were poor farmers and she grew up working the fields and herding cattle. Her father had hoped for a son, so he nicknamed her "Buck". Lee was one of the few remaining true Frontier Women. She could shoot a rifle from the back of a galloping horse and could light a match from a hundred paces with a rifle that is still in the family today. April 24, 1941, Lee married Alfred Anderson Jr. after a whirlwind relationship of three weeks. They began married life in Vinita, Oklahoma. On a wintry November day in 1942, they left for California with their savings of \$80.00. They settled in Carlsbad, California where their first-born son, Dwight was born May of 1943. They enjoyed the coastal town and beaches. While